

# House Study Bill 203

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to early education program requirements and  
2 voluntary standards.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 256.9, Code 2005, is amended by adding  
1 2 the following new subsections:  
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 53. Develop a request for proposals  
1 4 process that includes criteria that support the shared visions  
1 5 model, and invites interested local communities, empowerment  
1 6 boards, and school districts to develop and submit an  
1 7 implementation plan based on the shared visions model. The  
1 8 director shall implement an assessment and approval process  
1 9 for assessing the proposals and plans submitted. Any plan for  
1 10 a preschool program based on the shared visions model shall  
1 11 include, but shall not be limited to, the following:  
1 12 a. A plan designed to achieve national association for the  
1 13 education of young children accreditation of the preschool  
1 14 program within three years of the program's implementation.  
1 15 b. A requirement that all lead teachers hold endorsements  
1 16 in early childhood education.  
1 17 c. A minimum preschool day consisting of four and one-half  
1 18 hours of services to children enrolled in the program.  
1 19 d. Universal eligibility for all three-year-old and four=  
1 20 year-old children in the community.  
1 21 e. Demonstration that services provided are culturally  
1 22 sensitive and inclusive, regardless of family structure,  
1 23 socioeconomic, racial, religious, or cultural backgrounds,  
1 24 gender, abilities, or preferred language.  
1 25 f. Evidence of collaborations with community organizations  
1 26 and programs to ensure the availability of comprehensive  
1 27 health, nutrition, and dental and mental health services to  
1 28 children and families.  
1 29 g. Provision of before and after school care.  
1 30 h. Ongoing staff development that addresses early learning  
1 31 standards developed pursuant to subsection 54.  
1 32 i. A comprehensive assessment system that provides the  
1 33 following:  
1 34 (1) Ongoing program assessment and reporting based on  
1 35 current research-based practices and strategies.  
2 1 (2) Ongoing child assessment and reporting based on  
2 2 current research-based child assessment practices and  
2 3 strategies.  
2 4 NEW SUBSECTION. 54. Develop statewide, voluntary early  
2 5 learning standards for three-year-old and four-year-old  
2 6 children enrolled in a state or federally funded preschool  
2 7 program. The director shall also provide for professional  
2 8 development on the early learning standards and related best  
2 9 practices to the staff members of such programs.  
2 10 Sec. 2. Section 256A.2, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2005,  
2 11 is amended to read as follows:  
2 12 A child development coordinating council is established to  
2 13 promote the provision of child development services to at-risk  
2 14 ~~three-year-old and three-year-old and four-year-old children. The~~  
2 15 ~~program under which the council promotes child development~~  
2 16 ~~services may be known and cited as the shared visions model.~~  
2 17 The council shall consist of the following members:  
2 18 Sec. 3. Section 256A.3, subsection 3, Code 2005, is  
2 19 amended by striking the subsection and inserting the lieu  
2 20 thereof the following:

2 21 3. Annually submit a report to the governor and the  
2 22 general assembly by January 15 that summarizes progress in  
2 23 statewide implementation of the shared visions model.  
2 24 EXPLANATION  
2 25 This bill provides for the establishment of statewide,  
2 26 voluntary standards and professional development to support  
2 27 universal access to high-quality preschool programs for three=  
2 28 year-old and four-year-old children.  
2 29 The bill requires the director of the department of  
2 30 education to develop a request for proposals, and criteria  
2 31 that support the shared vision model, that invites local  
2 32 communities, empowerment boards, and school districts to  
2 33 develop an implementation plan based on the shared visions  
2 34 model. The bill describes the components each plan must  
2 35 include.  
3 1 The bill further requires that the director develop  
3 2 statewide, voluntary early learning standards for three-year=  
3 3 old and four-year-old children enrolled in a state or  
3 4 federally funded preschool program. The director must also  
3 5 provide for professional development on the early learning  
3 6 standards and related best practices to the staff members of  
3 7 these preschool programs.  
3 8 The bill directs the child development coordinating council  
3 9 to submit an annual progress report regarding statewide  
3 10 implementation of the shared visions model to the governor and  
3 11 the general assembly. Current law requires the council to  
3 12 make recommendations to the department of education and the  
3 13 general assembly regarding early elementary education.  
3 14 The bill eliminates a provision that requires the council  
3 15 to develop an inventory of child development services.  
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